

species, very common in the south, is seldom seen with us"; on the other hand, Rutherford *et al.* (*The Lepidoptera of Yorkshire* (1970), 46) have: "Not infrequently reported and quite widely distributed."—Editor.]

AGRIUS CONVULVULI L. IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. — A specimen of this moth in perfect condition was found in Thrapston in Northamptonshire on 7th October 1974. I think it would be reasonable to assume this to be the offspring of a spring migrant. — P. J. GENT, 3 Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. [We presume our correspondent bases his assumption on the condition of the insect. However, the view held for many years that perfect condition precluded the possibility of immigration is no longer tenable, since it is now known that certain lepidoptera are capable of traversing immense distances with apparently little damage, if any, to wing structure. But are there any records for 1974 of spring *convulvuli* -or of the larvae or pupae? — Editor.]

AGRIUS CONVULVULI L. IN WARWICKSHIRE IN 1974. — I had just returned from a collecting trip at Studland, Dorset, where I had searched tobacco plants for *convulvuli* without success. Two days after my return however, a worn male came on 18th August to the m.v. trap in my garden next to Hampton Wood, Warwickshire. — A. F. J. GARDNER, Wood Cottage, Grove Fields, Hampton Lucy, near Warwick.

CARADRINA CLAVIPALPIS SCOP. (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) IN DECEMBER. — I was surprised to find an apparently fresh specimen of this common noctuid resting on the *outside* of my glass kitchen door here in the late evening of 22nd December, 1974. Going through the *Record* I find the following are of interest: A. A. Allen (vol. 69, pp. 245-6) quotes early dates 20.ii.1957, 24.iii.1957; and Cmdr. Harper (vol. 70, p. 29) quotes cases of specimens in Sussex and Inverness-shire as late as December and as early as March, also in a coal mine (in 1913?) all the year round! — ROBERT CRASKE, 29 Salisbury Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 3AE.

HYPPA RECTILINEA ESP. (SAXON MOTH) AT WITHERSLACK. — My colleague K. Bevan and I were fortunate in each taking a specimen of this moth at m.v. on 15th June, 1974 at Witherslack. Dark specimens of *Apatele alni* L. and *A. leporina* L. also put in an appearance. — D. M. RICHMOND, 1 Walton Terrace, Staining Road, Blackpool.

EUPITHECIA PHOENICEATA L. AND LITHOPHANE LEAUTIERI BOISDUVAL IN SUSSEX IN 1974.—This year while operating in m.v. light intermittently and mainly at week-ends at Aldwick Bay, Sussex (SZ8998), I noted *E. phoeniceata* to it as follows:—24-25.vii (one); 17-18.viii (seven at two m.v. lights, and eight